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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 222
By Cooper J

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Ozle Lemuel Allen for
his astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished
themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ozle Lemuel Allen is one such person who throughout his life has evinced
the greatest dedication and integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished graduate of Central High School, Mr. Allen has also
completed three years of vocational training; and

WHEREAS, Ozle Allen honorably served with the United States Army Signal Corps from
1946 to 1947; and

WHEREAS, Ozle Lemuel Allen also served with distinction as an Engineering Aide for
the Soil Conservation Service for three years; and

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WHEREAS, For thirty-four years, he assiduously served Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., providing indispensable service as a Right of Way Procurer, Serviceman, and as Plant Superintendent, Assistant Manager and Manager; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished leader, Mr. Allen has lent his time and remarkable talents to many civic organizations, serving on the Board of Directors of River Park Hospital, as the Director of the Warren County Utility District, as a Member and President of the McMinnville Exchange Club, as a Member of the Warren County School Board, and as a Member of the Warren County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Bill Clabough filed legislation this year which, if passed, would have proven detrimental to Tennessee Electrical Cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Jerry Cooper fought valiantly to defeat said legislation in order to help said Honorable Ozle Allen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ozle Lemuel Allen is a devout and valuable member of the Charles Creek Baptist Church, which he has served faithfully as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Ozle Allen is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of 53 years, Patricia Keaton Allen, and their three daughters and their spouses, Phyllis and Freddie Young, Ginger and Ralph Dunn and Deborah Allen; the Allens are also blessed with three grandchildren, Ricky Young, Candace Dunn, and Jacob Dunn and two great-grandchildren, Emily Young and Travis Young; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Allen has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Ozle Lemuel Allen is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Ozle Lemuel Allen for his numerous professional accomplishments and his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.